

# CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



## IN THE SOUTHERN STATES

The Harvest Is Great and the Laborers Few.

### A Promise of More Elders for the Field Hailed With Joy and Anticipation.

Elders A. C. Strong, E. J. Smith and W. M. McKendrick sent this report, dated Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 17th: The time was once, not many months ago, when there were upwards of five hundred missionaries distributed throughout the different conferences in the Southern States, and the effective way they performed their labors is evidenced by the many accessions to the fold, and the daily pleadings for visits from the Elders by the honest investigators. This vast army of "messengers" has been reduced to the small number of one hundred and eighty-five, and even this number is suffering subtraction nearly every week. The records of the mission furnish us with the following data, which will give our readers some idea of the past and present of the mission: Mississippi once had forty-three Elders; now only six; South Carolina, thirty-seven Elders; now only fourteen; North Carolina, forty-four Elders; now only ten; Virginia, forty-two Elders; now only nineteen; the three conferences of Kentucky once had ninety-two Elders; now only twenty-seven. Other conferences have suffered this decrease with less than a year's time. When the fact that our Elders travel without "purse or scrip" is taken into consideration, and that their only means of travel is by walking, one can readily see that our numbers are not commensurate with the vast amount of work to be accomplished. The pleasing intelligence that comes from Zion, that our numbers are to be increased by additional Elders, in the near future, goes a long way to brighten up this condition of affairs, and make it possible for the Saints as well as many an honest investigator to receive a visit from the Elders, at least once a year.

Every daily mail brings with it letters from many parts of the missionary field, requesting a visit from the Elders. They all contain the almost universal question: "Where are the Elders; we haven't seen them for a long time." The weekly report from each conference, showing the miles walked and the families visited by each pair of Elders, bears testimony that the reasons justifying the asking of the above question are not furnished because the Elders are derelict in their ministerial duties, but rather because the "harvest is great and the laborers few." Many of these letters are from friends, not only in name, but in very deed—men and women who would willingly lay down their lives for the Elders and the cause they represent; men and women who have done as much, if not more than the Elders, in spreading the truths of the Gospel, because they have made it possible through their hospitality to the servants of God, for the Gospel message to be delivered. Each of us have labored under the same conditions, and understanding the conditions as we do, their pleadings for visits from the Elders cause our hearts to go out to them with a prayer for their future betterment, and no doubt, one of the hall with gladness the good news of more Elders coming.

At no time in the history of the mission has there been so many investigators of the Gospel and so many calls for baptism as at the present time. Truly is the time fast approaching, as far as this mission is concerned, that "the kingdom of God is preached, and every man preacheth it." President Hirst is now making a tour of all the conferences where he will meet the presidents of the same, counsel and advise with them regarding matters pertaining to their respective conferences, and, no doubt, one of the greatest problems he will have to wrestle with is: "How can we so arrange the handful of Elders in this state, so as to reach the greatest number of those who wish to be baptized?" The health of the Elders as a rule, is and has been very good. Occasionally one or two are released on account of ill health, and at present we have some few cases of illness. The organization of the mission is so complete that Elder Hirst is in touch with every Elder. He watches with a jealous eye the health of each, and the policy of the mission in this regard is forcibly expressed in his own words: "I don't want to send any more Elders home in a box."

### TEXANS INTERESTED.

Elders Laboring in That State Report Good Success. Elders Frank F. Knowlton and Angus J. Fillmore write from San Antonio, Texas, August 21st: We are now working in the city of San Antonio, which is the largest city in the state. We are having very good success in the spreading of the truths of the Gospel among this people, and have had comparatively no opposition, but have been treated very nicely by all the officials of the city. Some are very much interested in the teachings of the Latter-day Saints, and believe we are going to be able to do a good deal of good among this people. The short time we have spent in the field has been the happiest of our lives.

## CONDITIONS IN MEXICO.

The Saints in Favor With the Government of That Country.

### Prosperous Wards—A Well Attended Conference at Colonia Juarez, and Good Meetings.

Elder James H. Martineau writes from Colonia Juarez, Mexico, August 18th: Our quarterly conference just concluded has been a most enjoyable one. It commenced on Saturday, the 15th inst., and concluded on Sunday, the 18th, there being a good representation of every ward in the State, both from the state of Chihuahua and Sonora, the visitors from the latter state living in Oaxaca and Morelos having to travel by wagon from 130 to 150 miles, and crossing the main range of the Sierra Madre mountains.

Elder A. D. Ivins opened the conference at 10 o'clock a. m., there being present also the authorities Stake Counselors Henry Eyring and Helaman Pratt; High Councilors W. C. McClellan, Isaac Turley, J. W. Walser, A. P. Spillbury, G. C. Wilson, D. Skonsen, H. M. Payne, L. F. Macdonald, J. H. Martineau and Charles Pulsifer; also Bishops J. T. Whetton, O. P. Brown, Geo. M. Haws, J. C. Bentley and Geo. C. Naegle.

After the usual opening exercises the president, Elder Ivins, gave a general summary of the condition of the State, and of the labors of the Stake presidency. He said that our relations with the government of Mexico were never better, and our prospects in Mexico never brighter.

Elder Erastus Fillmore reported Diaz ward, Bishop W. D. Johnson being deputed at home by illness. He said the condition of the people spiritually was good and their prospects for a good harvest were excellent.

Bishop G. M. Haws said Chulchupa was in a prosperous condition, and that crops were excellent. He said the people were taking all the poultry, vegetables, etc., that they could produce.

Bishop's Counselor A. B. Call reported Dublin (pronounced with accent on last syllable), said the people were feeling well and prospects for crops never better.

At 2 o'clock p. m. conference recessed. Bishop O. P. Brown reported his ward—Morelos, in Sonora—as being in a very encouraging condition, although the youngest of all our Mexican colonies. Crops were good and they were now planting for a second crop of potatoes. Their spiritual condition was about like that of the other wards as reported.

Bishop J. F. Whetton said Garcia ward was in good condition spiritually, while crop prospects were never better.

Elder Ray Pratt reported the condition of our people at Naco, Sonora, who are engaged in building the railroad, after which Elder J. H. Martineau spoke in relation to our duties as Saints.

The Stake Priesthood meeting convened at 5 o'clock p. m. during which much valuable instruction was given by the Stake presidency, and others, and in especial manner round dancing was not approved, as tending to evil.

Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock a. m. conference opened with singing, and prayer by Elder G. W. Walser, which President Eyring spoke of the duties of the people relative to the education of children, good schools, tithing and kindred subjects.

Bishop G. C. Naegle reported Oaxaca, state of Mexico, where his ward was in good condition, with market prices of potatoes at five to ten cents per pound. He referred to the death, August 7th, of Bishop Franklin Scott, killed by lightning in his field, and testified to his worth as a good citizen and true Latter-day Saint.

Bishop J. C. Bentley, Stake clerk and historian, then presented the general and Stake authorities, all of whom were unanimously welcomed.

In the afternoon, after the usual opening exercises, the sacrament was administered, after which Elder H. Pratt spoke of the great blessings bestowed upon the Latter-day Saints in Mexico, and of the redemption of our living so as to merit a continuance of them.

Elder G. C. Wilson spoke of his recent visit to Chicago, Nauvoo, Carthage and other places, and of the great work to be done in this land; after which Patriarch Macdonald spoke briefly but appreciatively of our duties in this land as citizens of the Mexican republic.

Elder Ivins then made a few concluding remarks and conference was dismissed by Elder Miles P. Romney.

A conference of the Relief Societies of the State was held on Friday evening, August 16th, at which valuable instruction was given by the president, Mary B. Eyring, and by the Stake presidency, and Bishop Bentley; and on Monday, August 19th, was held the Y. L. M. I. conference.

A few days ago a young man—Juniús Moffat of Dublin—was instantly killed by lightning while asleep in his bed. His mother was warned in a dream that he would be thus killed, a few days previously, and had been quite anxious about him in consequence, and was near at hand when the fatal shaft fulfilled her premonition.

that was waiting out doors. I have preached the Gospel in much plainness to all our relatives and have made friends of them all. The Spirit of the Lord has been working mightily upon my kindred ever since my arrival, and more of them will yet receive the Gospel. At the meetings held at Wigan yesterday about 100 persons were present, and we had glorious manifestations of the presence of the Holy Ghost. I thank the Lord that the brethren were moved upon to call me on this mission, my joy is greater than my ability to express. My cup of gladness is full to overflowing, and I joyfully dedicate myself to the service of the Lord forever. I rejoice greatly that I have been called to work with President Lyman in the office, and am doing all I can to know the will of the Lord, and do it in gratitude for all the Father has done for me and with love and blessing for all the brethren. I am, your affectionate brother."

## GOOD WORK IN GEORGIA.

The Elders Find Many Friends, and Baptize Some Converts.

### Success Arouses the Hatred of Enemies — Missionaries in the Hands of a Mob.

Elder Levi Nelson writes from Kirkland, Ga., Aug. 21st:

Since our last conference, which was held in Vienna, Dooly county, Ga., May 26th, we have extended our labors through several of the counties in south Georgia. Considering the prejudice in the minds of the people, we have met with considerable success, having led quite a number into the waters of baptism.

As a rule we find the people of south Georgia to be very hospitable and kind, and in general are willing to allow others to enjoy religious liberty, although we find exceptions, as has been proven recently.

On the 16th inst. myself and companion encountered a mob doing this that field on the 4th of August, 1899, and he has been laboring in the Sheffield conference all the time. For the last year he presided over that conference, and he had excellent success, and that the conference was in a good condition, although progress is slow.

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Elder Ernest J. Taylor, of this city, returned on the 18th of this month from a mission to Great Britain, for which he was set apart on the 26th of May, 1899. He labored in the Manchester conference about six months, and then he was transferred to the London conference, where he remained until released. He says he is thankful for the experience he has gained during his mission. He has enjoyed it greatly.

Elder A. H. Hill, of this city, was set apart on the 23rd of August, 1900, for the Southern States mission. He labored in the New Orleans conference, and returned home on the 17th of this month. Elder Hill is still sick, but he is said to be rapidly improving.

Elder Delbert W. Parrote, of this city, returned on the 14th of this month from a mission to Great Britain, for which he was set apart on the 10th of July, 1899. He has labored in the Nottingham conference, where, he says, he enjoyed his mission very much.

Elder Hans A. Johnson, of Ovid, Idaho, reports that he was set apart on the 5th of January, 1900 for a mission to the northern states, and that he was assigned to labor in the Minnesota conference, where he met with fair success. All the Elders, he says, are engaged workers. He returned home on the 17th of August, 1901.

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

### Box Elder Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Box Elder Stake of Zion was held in the Bingham Stake Tabernacle Sunday, Aug. 25th and 26th. There were present on the stand Sunday morning, M. F. Cowley of the Council of Apostles. The Sunday school children occupied most of the room in the assembly hall and took a leading part in the morning exercises. Stake president, Elder Chas. Kelley, presided at all the meetings. Elder J. D. Peters, Stake superintendent of Sabbath schools, took charge of the afternoon exercises, which consisted of the following:

Opening songs by the children and prayer by Bishop P. M. Hansen. The blessing on the bread and water was repeated by the children in concert.

An exercise was given by the Sunday schools of Bingham City, on the Articles of Faith.

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fairly good condition, considering the opposition the Elders have met with.

Elder Alba Stuart, of Uintah, Weber county, was set apart on the 10th of August, 1899, for the Northern States mission. He has been laboring in the Minnesota conference all the time. He says that the conference is in a thriving condition. Two Sunday schools have been organized, and the Elders find many friends, and some converts are made. Elder Stuart returned home on the 24th of this month, feeling well in every respect.

Elder Lorenzo Lich in a letter dated McCammon, Idaho, August 23, reports that he was set apart, Dec. 6, 1899, to perform a mission in the Northwestern States. He was assigned to labor in the State of Texas, in the Austin conference, where he labored as a canvassing Elder for eleven months. Then he had an attack of the chills and fever and he was transferred to another field. So he went to St. John's, Kansas, conference, where he labored until June 15th, 1901, when he was assigned to labor in the office at St. John, Kansas. He remained there until August 10th, when he was released to return home because of continued illness. He states that he made many friends and investigators and had the privilege of having a few new converts into the waters of baptism.

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The Primary departments of Brigham City's schools gave an exercise.

Superintendent Nels Jensen reported the school of the First ward.

Elder F. M. Cowley explained the need of the children having a knowledge of God. Spoke of the nature and attributes of the Godhead.

Superintendent Peters spoke briefly on the work of the Stake S. S. board.

Counselor L. A. Snow pronounced the benediction.

At a p. m.—Elder Chas. Kelley called the large congregation to order and prayer was offered by Bishop Lars F. Johnson.

While the sacrament was being administered, Elder Kelley read from the 26th sec. of the Doc. & Cov., regarding the duties of Church members.

Elders Elias Jensen, Victor Madsen, and Fred Kotter, sang the song "School Thy Feelings."

in the world. Read from the Doc. & Cov. explanatory of the order of the Priesthood; gave a word of warning to the young about their actions towards each other; and showed how the blessings of heaven are obtained. At the 2 o'clock meeting Elder Barnard White related some of his early experiences in the church and spoke of the need of parents keeping their children under their jurisdiction. Bishop P. M. Hansen of Manila, spoke

favorably of the Saints in his ward. A beautiful selection was sung. Elder M. F. Cowley delivered a discourse on the manner of obtaining testimony and the need of divine authority to administer in the ordinance of the Gospel of Christ. The closing prayer was offered by Bishop L. N. Stohl. NEPHI ANDERSON, Stake Clerk.

## Why Boston Has No Strikes

An Arbitration System That Settles All Doubts Before Work is Begun.

Boston.—The method of preventing strikes and lockouts which has been tried for ten years in Boston between the Master Builders' association and the workmen has been absolutely successful in every respect, says Wm. H. Sayward, secretary of the association, a former member of the legislature.

The system was adopted ten years ago. The basis of the system is the "form of arbitration" which was proposed by the National Association of Builders, and has been adopted here by the Master Builders' association on the one hand, the association of workmen in the building trades on the other.

The employers take the position that it is for the interest of both parties that the workmen's unions should be recognized. Therefore, it is preferred that men join the labor unions. With this known as the policy of the employers, the union men cannot object if a non-union man is found occasionally upon the work.

Another fundamental idea is that the interested sides to a question shall settle it for themselves, and that no outside interest shall come in to draw men off into strikes. There shall be no sympathetic strikes. It is further one of the essentials that the representatives of the two sides shall have absolute power to settle disputes, and there is no appeal from their decisions.

"All questions of mutual concern" must be brought before the joint committee, which is to be appointed annually by each side.

The joint committee must consist of not less than six members, equally divided between the associations represented, and an umpire, who must be chosen the first thing after the committee completes its annual organization. He must not be a journeyman craftsman or an employer of journeymen. The umpire for the first three years was John D. Long, but he was never called upon to act. Every issue was settled by the committee without referring anything to the umpire. Then, for two years, William Lloyd Garrison was the umpire, and he was called upon only once. Charles Francis Adams, second, is the present umpire. He has been obliged to settle one case.

If any employer refuses to abide by

a decision of the joint committee, it is thrown out of the association. In case the workmen refuse to abide by the decision of the committee they may be disciplined.

Either side may refer matters to the joint committee, and, after the committee reaches a conclusion it transmits that conclusion to each association for its enforcement.

The National Builders' association is an advisory body, of which Mr. Sayward is secretary, and it impresses upon its local constituents the desirability of making advances to the workmen's unions, recognizing them at an outset, and inviting them to recognize the employers' associations. One of the objects of this association is to prevent any mass mutual concern from reaching the stage of a grievance.

Doubtful points must be settled before any work is done. The Boston people came home from the convention ten years ago determined to put it system upon trial. Mr. Sayward addressed letters to the different building trades—the masons, the carpenters, the painters, the plumbers and so on—urging them to come into the movement.

An immediate response was made by the mason builders, and he urged them to do so. They immediately addressed the bricklayers, the stone masons and the building laborers, telling them about the plan for avoiding strikes and lockouts. They laid matter before their unions and favored the plan. The bricklayers, the stone masons and the building laborers, telling them about the plan for avoiding strikes and lockouts. They laid matter before their unions and favored the plan.

Mr. Sayward believes, because of the conservatism. But enough have entered into the system to control the situation in the building trades and to make strikes a thing of the past.—New York World.

Went to Visit His Sister. A. J. Cottingham went to Washington county, Ark., to see his sister Ann while there was taken with flux (dysentery) and was very bad off. He de-

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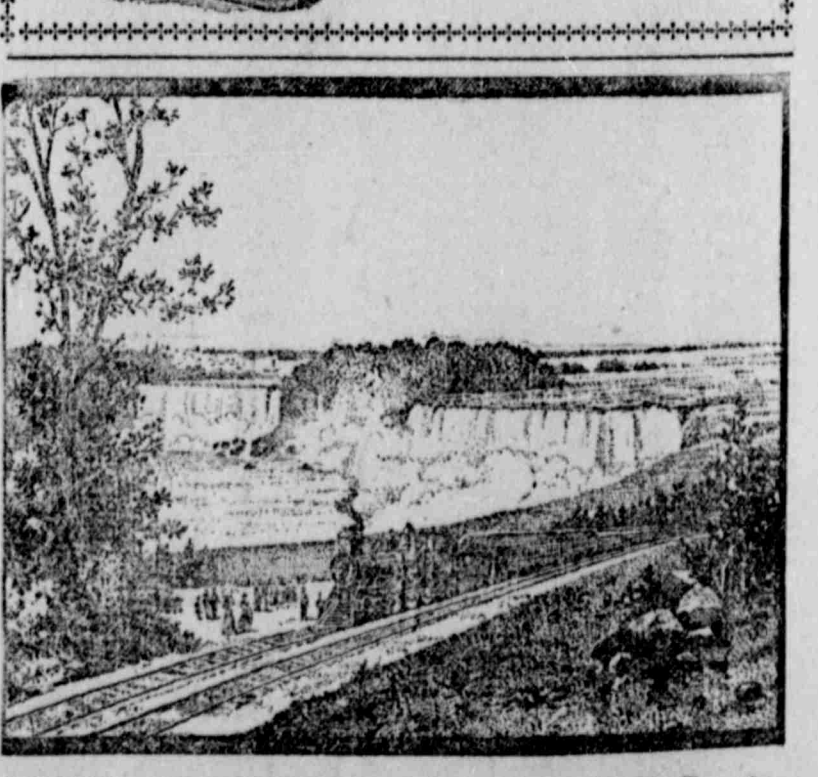
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